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Hospital strikers tell unions how to give them help

REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

KNOWLAND'S UNION

On our editorial page this week is published the full text of a statement made by the chairman of the California Democratic Party on the company union which has long prevailed in one department of the Knowland Tribune.

It's a company union shop deal. After you've worked in that department a certain length of time you join that company union or else. That is, 8 of every 10 workers in that department must join.

The idea is that at least 8 of every 10 workers in the department should share what expense there is connected with running the organization. Of course, that's the very idea underlying the union shop when a real union and not a phony company union is involved. But Bulldozer Bill Knowland, who thinks it is a very wicked idea for a real union, thinks it's wonderful for a company union.

FANTASTIC?

If the compulsory open shop proposal, the so-called "right to work" scheme which Bulldozer Bill is backing, wins on the November ballot, is it fantastic to assume that he has in mind ultimately working out a deal under which 8 out of 10, or 10 out of 10, workers in any shop or business would have to belong to a company union?

The notion doesn't seem so fantastic to our schoolteachers. They pretty well have it in effect now. They must belong to the company union in the school system, the Teachers Association, which is run by the school bosses, the administrators, or they are made to feel mighty uncomfortable.

THE RIGHT NAME

Incidentally, there's a name for this sort of setup: Fascism! The bosses and the workers all belong to one union, one corporate outfit, and in the chair of the Governor or the Head of State sits a man who believes it's the perfect system.

Guess who that Governor and Head of State would be if things went wrong November 4!

Supervisors should take stand vs. 18: Painters

Painters 127 have asked both the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council to adopt resolutions calling on the Board of Supervisors to take a stand against Proposition 18, the so-called "right to work" compulsory open shop measure.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Unions warned to volunteer or pay on heavy mortgage

Unions which have failed to turn in their quota of volunteer workers in the fight against Proposition 18 were warned at the Central Labor Council this week that they are running the risk of having to share in paying off a heavy "mortgage" on organized labor's resources for a long time after the November 4 election.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash, COPE Chairman Ernie Perry, and Committee Against 18 Secretary John Churchill all laid a few hard facts out on the line, "let the chips fall where they may," as Churchill said.

It was pointed out that many thousands of dollars can be saved for the labor movement if there really is a "Committee of One Thousand" getting campaign material distributed, but that so far the requisite number of volunteers simply hasn't showed up, because some unions have failed to turn in their quota.

Since the campaign material MUST be distributed, if heavy postal and mailing expenses have to be incurred, this will constitute a mortgage on the resources of the labor movement here which will have to be paid off.

Ash said that some volunteers were doing wonderfully, that for instance all those who had worked so valiantly in the registration campaign in the 8th Congressional District and in the 17th Assembly District had said they'd go right ahead and work for the remainder of the campaign.

Margaret Thornburgh of the national COPE when here recently said that every volunteer who put in 100 hours of work should get some special recognition. But some of our volunteers here have already far surpassed that, said Ash. Some men in the 17th Assembly District have already put in 180 hours, three girls in other phases of registration work have put in 300 hours apiece.

Ash said that one thing needed now, and urgently, is volunteer ticket sellers for the annual AFLCIO picnic October 5 at Roberts Park. He again reminded the delegates that this is the ONE big fund-raising event for the crucial campaign to elect

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COPE BOARD TO MEET WED., SEP. 17, 3:30 P.M.

The executive board of COPE will meet at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 17, at the Labor Temple.

The schedule for COPE meetings now is that the executive board meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. and the general COPE meeting is held on the second and fourth Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

Fed is right in running scared, Jones warns BTC

Paul L. Jones, a vice president of the State Federation of Labor, warned the last meeting of the Building Trades Council that officers of the Federation are decidedly "running scared" in the campaign to defeat Proposition 18, the so-called "right to work" measure on the November 4 ballot.

Jones, who represents Laborers 304 in the council, said that it should be remembered that even before the advocates of Proposition 18 began unlimbering their heavy propaganda guns for the final two months of the campaign, all surveys had indicated that the odds stood about even for the measure carrying. Possibly, he said, there was a slight shade in favor of the measure losing.

But this slight shade favoring labor's side of the battle, if in fact that shade ever did really exist, would inevitably begin to disappear as the propaganda guns of the anti-labor crowd really opened fire, said Jones.

"Our bumper strips right here in Alameda County," said Jones, "are considered by labor people to be the best in the State. But wait until you begin to see, all over the place, on bumper strips and billboards, and in big ads, signs such as DO AWAY WITH LABOR RACKETEERS: VOTE YES ON 18."

"Studies made indicate that

the anti-labor people feel confident of getting nearly all the office workers and professional people to vote YES on 18. So the State Fed is decidedly running scared, and I think we all should."

"The Federation can't do the whole job. It's in the various localities of the State that the job must really be done, and that means us, right here in Alameda County. And that means every local of every international here."

RW DAMAGE CASES

BTC Business Representative Childers called attention to the damages of \$23,177 against a small local of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers which was recently confirmed by the South Dakota (right-to-work State) Supreme Court.

The damages were assessed against the local for picketing a shop in an effort to get the owner to sign a contract. It was obvious that a small local would be bankrupted by such heavy damages, and the court had made no bones about it, that the purpose back of awarding such damages was to persuade the international to instruct its locals to beware.

In Virginia, too, some time ago, said Childers, there had been a \$100,000 damage case won

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Citizen Committee Against 18 lists strong Executive Board

The East Bay Citizens Committee Against Proposition 18 was activated recently at a meeting held at the Leamington Hotel and called by Committee Chairman Joseph E. Smith.

The theme of the campaign as adopted by the committee is contained in a statement released by Chairman Smith:

"The East Bay Citizen's Committee," said Smith, "represents community leaders in all fields of endeavor and activity. We believe the so-called 'right to work' laws are deceptive in language and a threat to labor-management relations. Proposition 18 is directly in conflict with California's public policy as contained in the State Labor Code. Our State Legislature has consistently refused to enact so-called 'right to work' bills."

"When a piece of legislation is harmful to the worker it is harmful to all. Proposition 18 would establish a compulsory open shop and destroy the effectiveness of any collective bargaining. The committee urges all citizens to look behind the deceptive and misleading language of Proposition 18 and recognize it for what it is; a deliberate attempt to destroy unions."

"Proposition 18 cannot guar-

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antee anyone the so-called right to work or create or protect job rights. It would outlaw the union shop even though both labor and management want it. It will open the door for attack on all labor relation contracts and jeopardize all of the gains made through free collective bargaining over the years.

"It would lower consumer purchasing power by undermining our over-all wage structure. The East Bay Citizen's Committee is strongly opposed to Proposition 18 and will vigorously aid in its defeat."

The executive committee of the East Bay Citizens Committee Against Proposition 18 consists

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Go to Kaiser, not to struck places, union head asks

The following letter, sent to all East Bay unions by Tom Kelly, secretary of the striking Hospital & Institutional Workers Local 250, makes clear the co-operation that all union members in the area can give to the strikers:

TO ALL EAST BAY UNIONS:

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

Our strike against eight Alameda County Hospitals is going into its third week. Local 250 pickets have been threatened, abused and enjoined, but are marching with steady determination. We have had good support from the labor movement and are very grateful to all who have helped us.

The hospitals are not providing adequate services, and the treatment of patients in many instances is shameful. It is a disgraceful fact that some doctors, filled with hate against the labor movement, are actually sending patients into the struck hospitals when they could be treated in the office or at home.

We ask you to bring the story of our strike for wages and union security to your membership. If any union man or woman is sick, please have them urge their doctors not to send them into a struck hospital. The eight hospitals, are Alameda, Alta Bates, Childrens, Herrick, East Oakland, Merritt, Peralta and Providence.

Kaiser Foundation Hospitals operate under union conditions. This institution is a general hospital, open to all, not just Kaiser Health Plan Members. Any person covered by Blue Cross, CPS or an insurance plan is entitled to be admitted to a Kaiser Hospital and his insurance is just as good as that in the other hospitals. There are Kaiser facilities in Oakland, Walnut Creek, Richmond, Martinez, Pittsburg, Hayward and Vallejo as well as in the West Bay Area. We hope that you will advise your membership of this and urge them to stay away from the eight struck hospitals.

Local 250 also has agreements with Eden Hospital, Albany Hos-

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Unmerged Fed sets convention Dec. 8

The California State Federation of Labor will hold its 1958 convention December 8 - 13 in San Francisco, it is announced by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the state AFL organization.

All convention sessions will be held in San Francisco Civic Auditorium.

State AFL plans for the 1959 general session of the California Legislature which begins the first Monday in January are expected to dominate convention proceedings.

HOW TO BUY

Eligible for social security pay

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Every neighborhood has an older worker disabled by injury or illness to the point where he can't work and must depend on relatives for aid. He's always a kind of silent reminder to the younger men that this could happen to them too, leaving them without income and dependent on others.

In 1956, disability insurance was added to Social Security, to protect wage earners from just this frequent disaster. It provided for monthly payments to disabled workers age 50 or older, and a wage freeze for those not yet 50. But this provision has been misunderstood. Some disabled workers even have passed up the payments from lack of knowledge. Others who felt they were entitled, were frustrated by unexpected jokers in the law.

The latest changes in Social Security have eased the disability-insurance regulations in some important respects. Some several thousand old disabled wage-earners and their dependents are immediately eligible for payments, if they know about the new provisions and apply for the payments.

But even if neither you nor anyone among your family or friends presently is disabled, it's vital that you know what Social Security provides, and the rules. Working people pay out large sums for disability insurance sold by private companies at high prices. The fact that Social Security now insures you against total disability, can give you more peace of mind, and also lessen the need to carry private insurance. You already pay for the Social Security disability insurance, and you couldn't buy equivalent private insurance at anywhere near the price.

Under the new rules, depen-

dents of workers getting disability payments are eligible for payments too. The estimated 180,000 dependents of workers now getting disability payments, should apply immediately for their own new benefits.

Moreover, the eligibility requirements for disability payments and the wage "freeze" are not as severe as before. You still have to be disabled to the extent that you can't engage in any substantial gainful activity, even though you may be able to do a little work. You also must have worked under Social Security for at least five of the ten years before you became disabled. But the former requirement that you also needed at least a year and a half of covered employment in the three years just before becoming disabled, has been eliminated.

Experience had shown that some disabled workers with long records of work could not meet this "recent-work" requirement. Their illnesses were not severe enough in the beginning to qualify them as "disabled" under the law, but did keep them from work for extended periods. By the time their diseases had progressed to the point where they were no longer able to work at all, many did not have Social Security credit for as much as a year and a half out of the preceding three years.

If your application had been denied because you did not meet this work requirement, you should contact your Social Security office immediately. Bring any papers you may have regarding your previous claim. Or if you are severely disabled but never applied, do so now.

Another important change is that other disability benefits you may get, as State workmen's compensation or other Federal disability payments, no longer must be deducted from Social Security disability payments.

NONFARM HOUSING units put under construction in July totaled 111,000, a decline of 4,000 from June, less than the usual drop for that time of year, the U. S. Labor Department reported.

To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

ON PAGE 8 of this issue of East Bay Labor Journal the leading editorial urges trade union people to give financial support to the annual AFLCIO picnic October 5 at Roberts Park.

Perhaps some of our women readers would like to turn to that editorial and weigh the arguments presented in it. And perhaps some would like to help push the sale of the dollar tickets for that picnic.

This is something that our union auxiliaries might find a very satisfying activity.

A PICNIC is a family affair, enjoyed by man and wife and children. So it would be especially appropriate to have our women folks get in and do what they can for this big annual event.

Moreover, the question of whether or not our next new U. S. Senator is to be a man who understands the problems of our union families is decidedly a family affair, too.

LABOR'S CANDIDATE for Congress in the 7th District is Jeffery Cohelan, a trade union officer, a City Councilman of Berkeley, and a good family man himself, with a charming intelligent wife and four lively and interesting children.

The money that will be made from this picnic will help to support Cohelan's candidacy. As explained more fully in the editorial on page 8, because of provisions in the Taft-Hartley Law, money that is raised for political purposes to support candidates for State offices or to defeat Proposition 18 cannot be used in a Federal office contest. So this October 5 picnic is a key proposition.

Can't you help to make it a success?

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In response to the demand of fashion for a wider range of vibrant color, French hand bag makers have created "sweet calf," a new leather finish that takes well to any color treatment.

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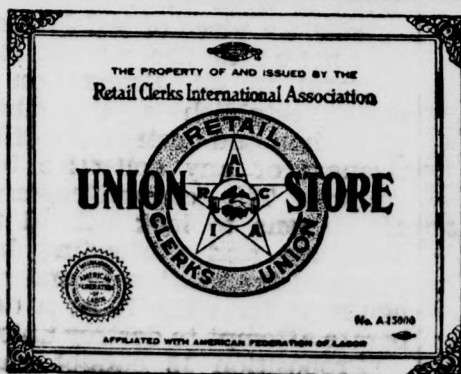
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English homes use machines

English homes may be noted for their lack of central heating, but they will not be found lacking in other contemporary, automatic conveniences. So reports Miss Mary George, director of Britain's Electrical Association for Women.

Miss George is now in this country to visit appliance plants and to attend the International Congress on Home Economics at the University of Maryland.

The most popular electrical equipment in British homes, she said, includes television sets, irons, vacuum cleaners, automatic tea kettles and the "electric fire." This is known in this country as a portable heater.

In addition, the washing machine is rapidly becoming indispensable to homemakers in Britain, Miss George said. And, as a decorative device, fluorescent lighting has become increasingly popular.

Perhaps the most wanted appliance in British homes already equipped with basic electric conveniences is the food blender or mixer, Miss George noted. Every English woman would like one, she said.

Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

IN OUR COUNTRY we are notoriously poor at foreign languages. We send our armed forces, our technical men, even our ambassadors, all over the world, without a real working knowledge of any language except our own.

We have been accused of being arrogant, expecting everyone to know our language while we never trouble ourselves to learn the other fellow's language.

It is not arrogance. It is simply that we never needed to know other languages, living as we have, quite isolated on a very large continent, where for the most part nothing but English is spoken.

Languages have been studied in our high schools and colleges largely for cultural reasons, and very rarely has a student emerged from such study with a practical working knowledge, of any modern language.

Now, suddenly, we have been plunged into a polyglot world, such as our European cousins have lived in for centuries. Now we are realizing the need for language study. And in our practical way, we are doing something about it.

Educators know that language is best learned very early in life. We often see the example of the children of immigrants equally at home with English and the tongue of their parents' land. They learned both long before they went to school.

Now many of our public schools are beginning to make languages optional in the lower grades, where emphasis is necessarily given to the spoken, rather than the written, word.

Our armed forces have long maintained language schools, one large one being at Monterey. In these schools they use the very latest methods for the rapid acquisition of a working knowledge of modern languages.

Now that we are awake to the need, we'll no doubt make our usual rapid American progress.

Before long a lot of mothers are going to be seeing their children off to school amid polyglot cries of "Auf wiedersehen", "Adieu" and "Adios" to say nothing of similar farewells called in Russian, Chinese, Japanese or any one of the large number of tongues it is going to be necessary for us to know if we are going to be able to function smoothly in this madly spinning modern world.

The Darling!

They had not met for some time. "And you say that last week you were in the town where I live?" she inquired.

"Yes."

"And you thought of me, John?"

"I did," replied John. "I said to myself, 'Why, isn't this where what's her-name lives?'"

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Right-to-work lie in voter booklet nailed by Mrs. FDR

WASHINGTON — Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt this week flatly denied claims made in California that the late President Roosevelt favored anti-labor "right-to-work" laws.

Mrs. Roosevelt said in a special statement:

"My husband could not have been for 'right-to-work' legislation."

Mrs. Roosevelt's unequivocal denial was aimed directly at an assertion by California promoters of a "right-to-work" constitutional amendment that the "New Deal" president supported the principles of the proposal that seeks to destroy the basis of collective bargaining between industry and labor.

The claim was made in an argument filed by proponents of the amendment with the California Secretary of State which is published and mailed by the state to all registered voters.

Mrs. Roosevelt said in her statement:

"My husband could not have been for 'right-to-work' legislation."

"A check of my husband's papers, in his library at Hyde Park, will show that no tortured phrase or out-of-context quote can substantiate such an allegation."

"Further, the American public understands very well that Franklin Delano Roosevelt would never have supported such a reactionary doctrine."

"In California, proponents of the 'right-to-work' constitutional amendment to be voted on in that state in November, have by the use of 'weasel words' sought to give the impression that my husband did, during his lifetime, support the concept embodied in so-called 'right-to-work' legislation."

"Such a maneuver is a shameful fraud on the public. I am surprised that the State of California, in issuing the official document in which this attempt to subvert the truth is made, apparently made no attempt to ascertain the facts."

The widow of the late president took issue with a statement made in the argument supporting the anti-labor amendment which called on voters to:

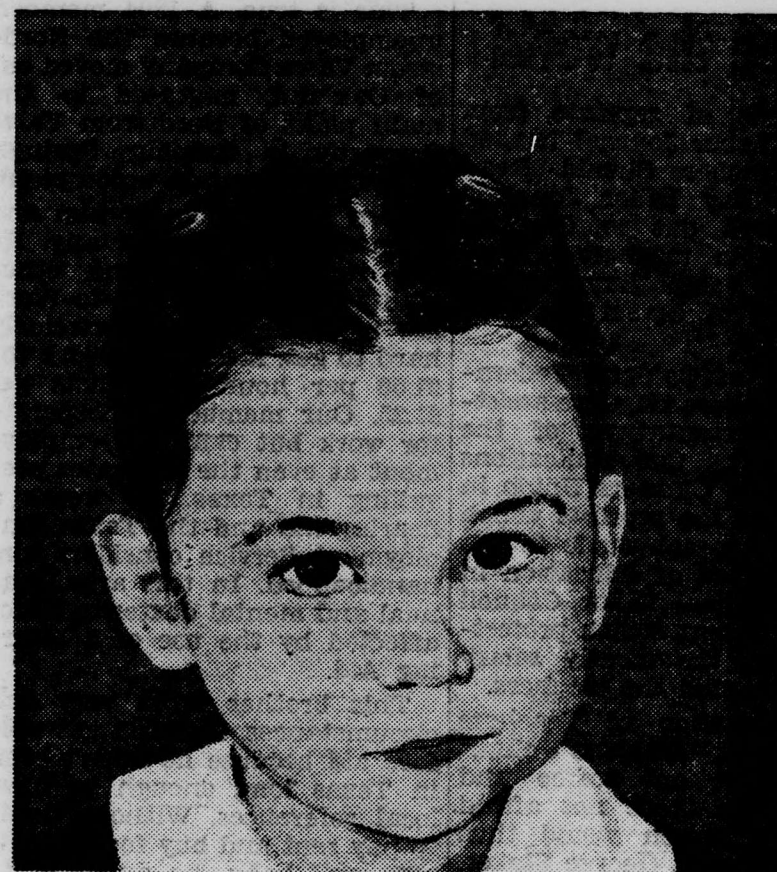
Support the principle of freedom of choice guaranteed in the United States Constitution and the United Nations Code, and endorsed by Franklin D. Roosevelt (. . .) and all leaders of liberal thought.—Citizens Committee Against 'Right to Work'

JOHN E. CANTWELL has been selected to serve as the new vice president - general manager of United Employers, Inc., it was announced by Robley E. Flynn, president of the board of directors.

WHO ARE WE?



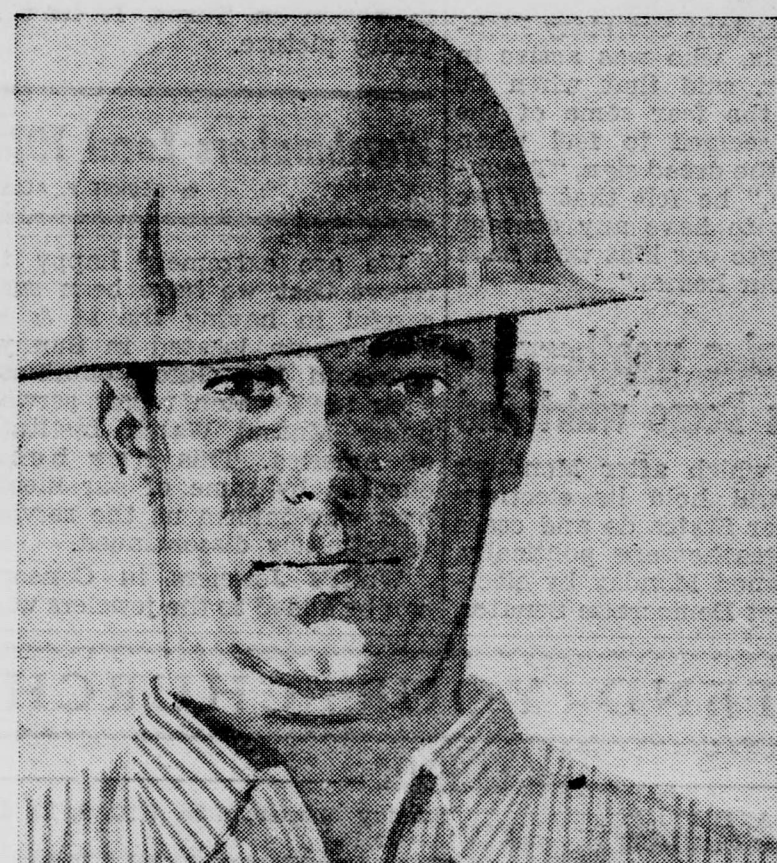
I'm having a wonderful time on my vacation because the negotiated contract with my firm sets up "Vacation with Pay." When I was a kid we never knew whether we could afford a vacation or not because vacation with pay in Dad's day was practically non-existent. It's my opinion that vacation with pay is a mighty good investment for my boss. It pays off in morale and better work. If Proposition 18, the so-called Right to Work Law, is passed — vacations with pay will be just a memory for a lot of us.



My cousin lives in Texas — we write letters to each other. Her father, that is Daddy's brother, is a Machinist like Daddy, but my cousin says she can't take the piano and dancing lessons like I do because her father doesn't make enough money since Texas put in the Right to Work Bill. Daddy says he sure hopes he can keep on paying for my lessons — that is why he is working so hard to keep this old Right to Work Bill from passing. I sure hope it doesn't pass.



I am a Grandmother and so can take the long view. When I was first married my husband and I never knew what the pay-check would be. The standard of living my children are enjoying just must not be reduced by the people who wish to turn the clock back 50 years to the time when unscrupulous employers paid the least wages they could. My Son is real proud to be on the Labor-Management Committee of his company. He knows that Proposition 18 would make his committee too one-sided to carry on the progress they made. That is why I'm voting NO on 18.



I'm a construction worker. Whenever I go on a new job I know I'll be paid a negotiated scale. Without that security I wouldn't dare commit myself for the home we are buying, or the car, or the other things I want for my family. My wife and I are voting NO on Proposition 18 and asking all our friends to do the same because we know from experience what happens when construction workers have to take whatever a contractor feels like offering. I'm on friendly terms with a number of contractors who have told me that negotiated union wage scales are just as important to them as they are to us, but they can't compete against a contractor who bids on a basis of "auction block" wage scales.

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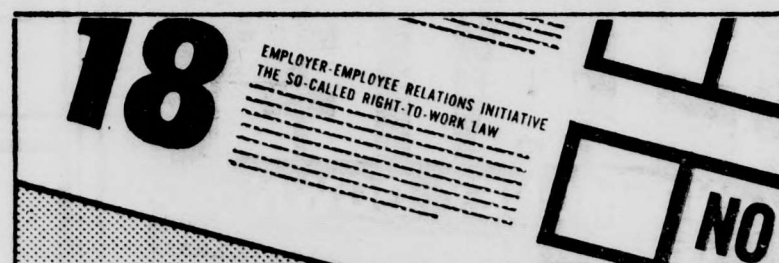
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The so-called "Right to Work" law

Teachers advised to join Journal and see the world

Thousands of reprints from East Bay Labor Journal headed "Every Teacher Should Read The East Bay Labor Journal" were handed out to Oakland school system teachers assembling for a compulsory meeting on the eve of opening the schools.

Members of Oakland Federation of Teachers 771 were assisted by representatives of the Food Clerks, Communications Workers, and Cleaners Union in handing out the reprints which told of the speech made to the Oakland Board of Education in June by Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash protesting against the measly salary increase granted the teachers.

The Federation of Teachers had a sign up, "Teachers Union," and handed out coffee and doughnuts to those not afraid that union poison would thus be consumed. George Stokes, president of the Oakland Federation of Teachers, said that most of them to whom the reprints were handed took them.

One delegate, implying that many teachers fear administrative wrath if they desert the company union for a real union, said that perhaps some of the teachers in accepting the reprint thought it was "a certificate for free nylons."

CLC Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx, who was active in the affair, said that when he observed the fear some of the teachers seemed to feel when they saw the dread sign, "Teachers Union," he felt that "if we are going to have any courage instilled into our kids we'll have to do in our homes."

That Maine weathervane predicts Demo whirlwind

Maine, which after Monday's election will hold its elections when other States do and cease to be a weathervane politically, weathervaned Monday by electing its first Democratic Senator.

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

This is true. A 1304 member, unemployed because the Nordstrom Valve Company moved out of Oakland, migrated to the main plant of Nordstrom Valve Company in Sulphur Springs, Texas. This is a non-union plant.

They had no job for him and no future prospects of any. He was referred to several other plants but with a Right-to-Work law in Texas, work is extremely hard to get. Machinists work for \$1.50 per hour. Specialists get \$1.25. Our member is desperate for work but can't get employment at even the low rates prevailing in Texas. He wears a hearing aid and the Texas Employment Service considers him handicapped. In this area, manual and mental dexterity is not affected by the use of a Hearing Aid.

This brother is in very bad circumstances. He can't get welfare aid because he hasn't been in Texas long enough to have local references. Without funds to pay rent and buy food for his wife and baby, he appealed to a Catholic Church for help and was given a personal check by a priest even though the Church itself needs financial help.

This brother has appealed to our union for money to return to Oakland with his family. We hope to assist him as much as we can.

I report this to illustrate the true picture of the right-to-work in action in Texas. It isn't a pretty picture.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We are extremely happy to report that we have been successful in having the M & M Drug Chain located in Sunnyvale and Los Gatos, eliminate their \$6.95 watch repair service under Mutual Watch Institute of America. This has been checked by some of our members who inform us the service is definitely discontinued.

Wolff's Jewelers in Concord can be added to the jewelers who

have signed agreements with our organization and therefore, are union. This was accomplished last week and is the outcome of an organizing drive in Contra Costa County which we are starting.

Brother Gilbert West, instructor in watch repair at the John O'Connell Vocational High School and Technical Institute has returned from his trip to the Hamilton Watch Company. Following is a message to the members from Brother West:—

"The electric watch may loom important in our trade sooner than we thought. Several companies, including Elgin and several Swiss companies will announce electric models ready for the market in the very near future. Efforts to sell the electric watch will be multiplied many fold. The implications for the watchmaker are important.

I will report on my trip to the Hamilton Watch Company, which your Union sponsored, at the September 25th meeting in San Francisco.

An evening course in the electric watch will be announced at that time. This course will duplicate the Hamilton Factory course and the school will have the same equipment as the Hamilton School. Dr. Ted Goldman, Assistant Superintendent of Adult and Vocational Education will be present. This is a matter that should concern every member of the organization and all should be present."

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The Executive Board will meet on Thursday, September 18th at 7:30 p.m.—Union Office.

Typographical Auxiliary

By DOROTHY SPORKIN

Hostess Freda Cripp's pleasant little living room was comfortably filled and we had a good business meeting and a most enjoyable social in August. President Ermine Sullivan bid our guests, Roberta Hittle, a long-time member whom we see but once a year as she now makes her home with a daughter in Washington, D. C. and Mrs. Cash a former auxiliary member of Salt Lake City, and an aunt of our secretary, Mary Farley, welcome.

Mrs. Cash was in Oakland to visit her ill sister Ellamae Cooper, Mary's mother, who passed on to her eternal home August 13. We extend our sincere condolences to Mary and her family. Ellamae was also an associate member of our Woman's Auxiliary. Requiescat in pace.

We would like to give a hand to the officers and members of our sister Auxiliary No. 21 in San Francisco, who were hostesses to the W.I.A. Convention, for a difficult job well done. Also want to commend our own Oakland

Typographical Union 36 for that terrific variety show.

The month of September each year is recognized as W.I.A. Label Month, let us get in line behind "The Union Label March" and "Look for the Label" and "Buy Union Label Merchandise." You will be happy to know that the posters "The Union Label March", and "Look for the Union Label" submitted by our Label Chairman of 1957-58 at the W.I.A. Convention won first and third prize respectively.

Labor Temple Auxiliary

By EMMA VICE

An oldtime member was back with us at our September meeting. Anna Ulrey, who has been laid up with arthritis, is feeling much better, and the members were glad to see her looking and feeling so well.

Memorial services for our late member, Marie Peterson Mendosa, was read by Chaplain Naomi Vercelli.

According to Virginia Draxton, vice president and chairman of the ways and means committee, quite a few social affairs will be held during the fall and winter months and notices will be sent to members and their friends.

Sewing chairman, Inez Wager announced that the sewing club will resume meetings, the first to be held on Wednesday, September 17th in the labor temple, and hopes the gang will be on deck that day.

President Opal Lawrence, who just recently returned from a trip to Texas, is off again with husband Jake to visit in San Diego and then on to visit in Tijuana and other points of interest on the Mexican peninsula.

The October 7th meeting will be past presidents' night, with Marge O'Donnell, chairman of the past presidents' club in charge. Members take note and attend that night as a nice program is being planned.

State CIO opposes AFL's tax measure

The General Board of the State CIO Council of Political Education (CIO COPE) voted Tuesday at a meeting in Los Angeles to oppose Proposition No. 17, which would cut the sales tax and boost personal income taxes in the higher brackets.

No. 17 was put on the ballot by the State AFL Federation. CIO Secretary John Despol said the measure was opposed by some on the ground that it would "freeze personal income tax rates into the State Constitution," and by others because they felt it would result in a 2 percent tax on food."

Go to Kaiser, not to struck places, union head asks

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pital, Levin Hospital, Pittsburg Community Hospital, Concord Hospital, Martinez Hospital, Vallejo General Hospital and Antioch Hospital, and none of these institutions are involved in this strike.

In short, there are plenty of other available hospital facilities in the East Bay Area. Please help us by getting this story to your members.

Faternally yours,
TOM KELLY

At the meeting of the Central Labor Council this week Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx reported that "a couple of the top administrators of the hospitals seem bent on carrying on an anti-labor crusade under the 'right to work' philosophy, and so far only assistant administrators have been assigned to do any negotiating."

Groulx said that laundry from struck hospitals had been traced to the Ambassador Laundry, a picket line placed there, and the laundry had agreed to handle no more of the struck stuff. He added that Harris Wilkin of Food Clerks 870, Jack Austin of Typographical 36, and Chet Bartalini of the Carpenters had given great assistance by stressing to the hospital authorities the harm done by anti-labor policies to relations with union health and welfare plans.

Later in the meeting Eddie Maney of the Laundry Workers said that he did not feel the council had been justified in picketing the Ambassador Laundry, as there had long been a jurisdictional dispute between his union and Local 250, and that putting up a picket line could be construed as interference by the council in a jurisdictional dispute.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash commented that no one had suffered more headaches than he had suffered over Local 250's jurisdictional disputes with various unions, but that the council had sanctioned the strike, which was a just one based on genuine grievances, and that accordingly every effort was being made by the council officers to win the strike.

Merged Labor Councils are slowly catching up with pioneer one here

Merger of local central bodies, moving at a rapid pace across the nation, has now passed the 80 percent mark, a survey has revealed.

As of Labor Day, the AFLCIO had issued charters to 579 unified central labor bodies, with only 98 mergers of these local arms of the federation still to be completed.

Without fanfare, 29 states plus Hawaii, Panama, Alaska and the District of Columbia have achieved complete consolidation at the local level, while in 10 other states only a handful of local mergers are still pending.—AFLCIO News.

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Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

There will be only one meeting during September. This was held on the first Thursday.

During that period there will be two executive board meetings a month, on the first and third Thursdays.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y., Bus. Mgr.

CARPENTERS 1158

Berkeley Local 1158 meets at 2108 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
H. B. RICHARDSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

CLERKS, LUMBER HANDLERS 939

Attention all members of Clerks and Lumber Handlers Local 939!

A Special Meeting will be held on Friday, September 26, 1958, at 8:00 p.m. in Hall M, at the Labor Temple, all members and their wives, relatives and friends are respectfully requested to attend this meeting. A film on "Right to Work" will be shown, also competent speakers will be in attendance, to explain the danger contained in the Right to Work initiative, which will be on the ballot November 4, 1958. This will be an important meeting you are urgently requested to attend.

Fraternally yours,
A. R. ESTES,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m., at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

All members and their families should be reminded that the final date for registration for voting in the November 4th election is September 11, 1958, and all members should register NOW. LAST ON THE BALLOT BUT MOST IMPORTANT IS PROPOSITION NO. 18.

Stewards Committee will meet Thursday at 8 p.m., September 18, 1958.

Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m., September 24, 1958.

Mr. John W. Holmdahl, candidate for the State Senate, will be the guest speaker at our next social-political rally at the Carpenters Hall, Friday, September 19, at 8 p.m., at 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif. All members are invited to bring their families and friends to this meeting. We expect to have some very fine talent to entertain us at this affair.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

The membership at a special meeting held August 13 voted to cancel the regular membership meeting of September 17 due to the fact that several of the officers will be attending the International Association convention in Detroit. The next regular membership meeting will be Wednesday, October 15, unless otherwise notified.

Fraternally yours,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

CARPENTERS CREDIT UNION

Carpenters Local No. 36 credit union is ready to accept applications for loans to the members.

We are getting new members daily. You have until November 15 to join and become a charter member.

You may get application for membership any Friday night at the meeting, one dollar for lifetime membership and five dollars for each share.

Each member will be issued a pass book and all shares entered therein.

HOWELL FRAZIER,
Secretary-Treasurer
Credit Union

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, September 13, at 2 p.m. The executive board will meet at 1 p.m.

We would like to have a good representation for there are matters for your consideration so please make an effort to be at our next meeting.

The meeting place will again be at Eagles Hall, 2238 San Pablo Avenue in Berkeley.

Refreshments will be served by Coffee Jennings.

Fraternally yours,
CHARLES HOBBS,
Secretary-Treasurer

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Local No. 1622 has called a Special Meeting, September 12, at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, at 8:00 p.m. to vote on a referendum ordered by the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters, to increase the monthly dues \$1.00 per member, 25 cents of the increase to be paid as per capita tax to the Council.

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8:00 p.m. at the Labor Temple.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, September 18, 1958 at 8:00 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m.

Elections for one delegate to the Central Labor Council. One trustee, two Law and Legislative committeemen.

Fraternally yours,
DAVE ARCA,
Recording Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 1958 in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, California.

Please note that this is a change in meeting nights from the first Thursday to the fourth Wednesday of each month. We will be looking forward to seeing you.

It is important that you watch these meeting notices as there will be a special called meeting in the

very near future which you will not want to miss.

Please make every effort to attend your union meeting.

Fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Business Manager &
Fin. Sec-Treas.

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, September 16, at union headquarters at 8:00 p.m.

Yours fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

CARPENTERS 1473

Fruitvale Local 1473 meets at Eagle's Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194

Unless otherwise specified, the Alameda Carpenter Local will meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. NIXON,
Recording Secretary

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

There will be a regular meeting Tuesday, September 16, in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Friday night, September 19, a Special Meeting follows the regular one on that date, to act on two items. The one of most interest is of a financial nature, and should be the reason for a good attendance. A post card from this office will give some more information on the subject. See you there???

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095 will be held Thursday, October 2, at 8 p.m.

Location: Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,
ALBERT R. SILVA,
Secretary

Teamo negotiation on strike-lockout

Caucusing and negotiating to end if possible the month-long trucking strike and lockout was proceeding this week in San Francisco. Washington talks, with Teamster President Hoffa in the sessions, possibly provided solutions to the problem, according to Western Conference of Teamsters President Einar Mohn.

Brown says extra dollar goes to senior citizens not to the general fund

The Federal Social Security amendments of 1958, recently passed by Congress and signed by the President, find California's senior citizens receiving old-age assistance of \$1 additional per month, it was revealed in an opinion issued by Attorney General Edmund G. Brown.

The State Department of Social Welfare asked a review of the law to determine whether the old-age assistance increase went into the general fund of California or to the senior citizens. Brown ruled that it should go to the recipients on the assistance rolls.

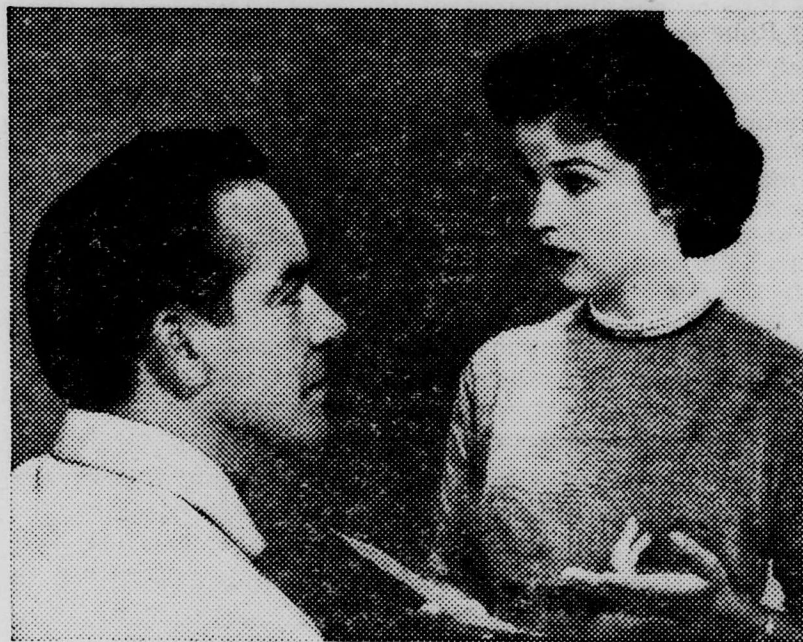
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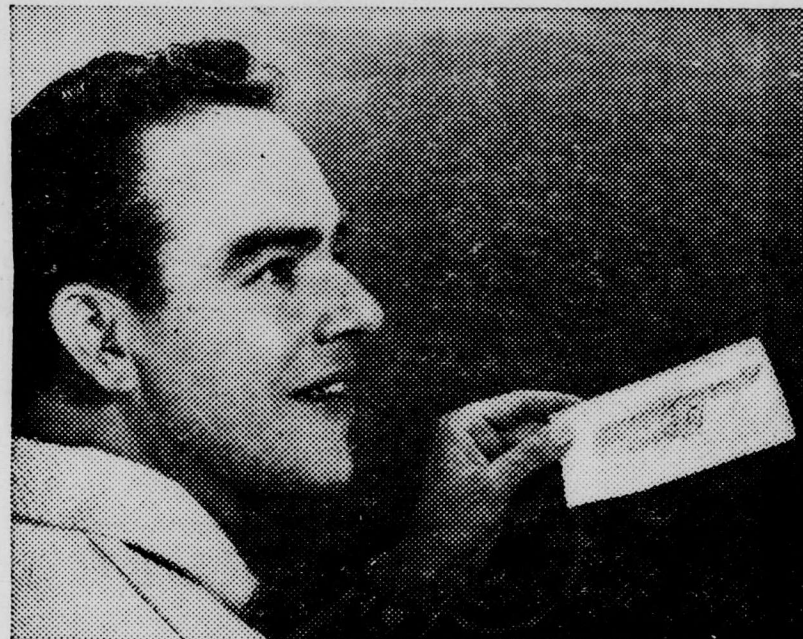
A group of cleaners and dyers supporting the election of Edmund G. "Pat" Brown-for-Governor has been organized with Russell Crowell as chairman.

Assisting him are Hester Lofton, Mrs. Florence L. Kelly, Rev. Ernest F. Marcell, Mrs. Patricia G. Pelletier, Mrs. Christina Rusconi, Mrs. Gladys H. Smith, Edwin A. Steele, and Mrs. Inger Marie Stillwell.

3 LAUNDRY WORKERS in San Francisco were among plaintiffs in a successful action to compel officers of the ousted Laundry Workers Union to return money alleged stolen from the welfare fund.



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Jeffery Cohelan to Congress in the 7th District. Under the Taft-Hartley Law no money for Federal office campaigns can be contributed from union treasuries; money must be contributed voluntarily by individuals. "So get out and forget everything else for a few days, and sell those tickets to individual members of your unions!" urged the CLC secretary.

Gus Billy, co-chairman of the registration committee in the 17th Assembly District, was applauded when he told how on a recent Saturday 250 volunteers went out in that district and registered 3500 people. And Jack Tobler of the Auto Workers who has been in charge of checking union lists to get the names of persons not registered, said that he had learned a lot from the registration campaign closing September 11. One of the main things he learned, he said, was that many unions do not keep up to date on the addresses of their members, or even of their officers. This should be remedied before the 1960 campaign got under way, he felt.

Al Thoman, Carpenters 36, said that the easiest and cheapest

way to remedy this failure to keep track of changing addresses was to have a union subscribe to East Bay Labor Journal. The Post Office slaps right back to East Bay Labor Journal any issue that fails to reach a member, and the paper notifies the union at once.

"Since we subscribed to East Bay Labor Journal," said Thoman, "our changed address problem has been solved—we are better off in that way than we ever were before."

Christian Scientist to lecture here Monday

The healing and saving power of scientific prayer will be the topic of a lecture on Christian Science to be given in Oakland Monday evening by Richard L. Glendon of Los Angeles, California.

Open to the public without charge, the lecture will be sponsored by the members of Fourth Church of Christ, Scientist, Mr. Glendon will speak in the church edifice at 1330 Lakeshore Avenue, Oakland, at 8 p.m. His subject will be Christian Science: The Healing Comforter.

The AFL State Federation of Labor has issued the following statement:

State AFLCIO merger negotiations held in San Francisco failed to achieve consolidation, despite state AFL approval of the merger pact unanimously recommended by the 20-member merger committee.

The general board of the California Industrial Union Council voted down the merger program proposals by a narrow margin after the executive council of the California State Federation of Labor had accepted them as proposed by the merger committee.

The joint merger committee, which has been negotiating the consolidation for two and a half years, is comprised of 20 members, 10 representatives of both the state AFL and the state CIO.

JOHN R. DILLE, San Francisco, western regional director of the U. S. Department of Labor's Wage & Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, has retired after more than a quarter of a century of federal service.

Hoffa pal Gibbons denies he 'bought' a local for \$78,410

Teamsters Vice Pres. Harold J. Gibbons vigorously denied that he "bought" control of Local 688, St. Louis in 1949 and told the McClellan special Senate committee that it was not true there was a "pattern of violence" in his union activities.

Gibbons, executive assistant to President James R. Hoffa, also answered charges that there is a high percentage of ex-criminals in the union by asserting: "If employers hire these people, I'm stuck with 'em in the union." He later said he gets ex-convicts put in warehouse jobs "literally every day," adding: "We take them right out of a jail cell."

Making a long-heralded appearance before the committee headed by Senator John L. McClellan (D., Ark.), Gibbons maintained that the merger of his one-time St. Louis CIO Warehouse local with the Teamsters local was strictly legal. "At no point did I have a feeling, concept or intent of purchasing the local union," he said.

He conceded, as had earlier witnesses, that seven Teamsters officials received a total of \$78,410 when they resigned their jobs as the result of the merger. Committee Counsel Robert F. Kennedy contended this constituted "selling this union."

Answering charges by St. Louis Police Captain Thomas L. Moran that he had set up a "goon squad," the Teamster vice president told the committee that he is "opposed to any kind of violence in labor disputes."

Senator Irving M. Ives (R., N. Y.), the committee's ranking GOP member, told Gibbons,

"You invite violence." The witness countered that St. Louis police complained of trouble in only 10 of 250 Teamsters strikes, adding: "It seems to me that hardly constitutes a pattern."

The committee was scheduled to question Gibbons about his disputed re-election as head of Teamsters Joint Council 13 in St. Louis, in which the "appointed" officers of a Carnival Workers local under trusteeship had cast the votes which decided the election.

Vernon F. Korhn, president, and Harold Brocies, secretary-treasurer, of the Carnival Workers local said they and four other officers had been flown from Tampa to St. Louis, staying just long enough for the balloting, and then returned home. They said they were paid \$150 each for the trip.

The two officers said they had been "appointed" to their posts by Harry Karsh, who, they said, ran the local which Gibbons supervised as a union-appointed trustee. Karsh pleaded the Fifth Amendment when called to testify about the election.

Counsel Kennedy introduced documents showing that Karsh worked for Local 688; gave up his job for \$18,355 after Gibbons became secretary-treasurer during the 1949 merger; worked briefly for Nathan Shefferman as a "labor relations consultant;" got a charter for a carnival workers local from the Jewelry Workers in 1952 which was rescinded on demand of the former AFL; ran the local as an independent for three years, and then, in 1955, got a Teamster charter.—AFLCIO News.

San Benito 'right work' law unconstitutional, is ruling of Appeals Court

The California District Court of Appeals last week ruled that San Benito County's so-called "right to work" ordinance is unconstitutional.

The three-member court voted unanimously against the 1957 ordinance adopted by the San Benito County Board of Supervisors.

The opinion said it was the public policy of California to encourage voluntary associations of workers to bargain with their employers.

Under "right to work" ordinances, the Court argued, "a large portion of the labor force necessarily would become non-union". It said this would lead to "significant" weakening of the power of unions to bargain on terms of equality with their employers. — State Federation Newsletter.

Tech Night School will open Monday

The Oakland Technical Evening School, which many labor people attend, opens its fall term Monday, September 15, Principal Wendall M. Moore announces. Those wishing to attend who did not register at the time officially set for it may communicate with the school office, Broadway at 42nd Street, OLympic 3-0842.

Philip Randolph keynote speaker on civil rights

A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and "the father of FEPC" will be the keynote speaker at the Labor Conference on Human Rights, to be held in the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles on the evening of Friday, October 3 and all day Saturday, October 4.

Len Lawson feels fine, but hungry!

Len Lawson, president of Communications Workers 9415, was back at his desk this week after a session in a local hospital. A friend of Len's for many years, namely, the editor of East Bay Labor Journal, can testify that Len looks livelier and younger and healthier than he has in a long time, all of which Len concedes, but says he has to get along now without food, which is slightly inconvenient. You know, those diets the doc hands out!

Screen star will chair United Crusade kickoff dinner Thurs., Sept. 18

Screen star George Murphy will be master of ceremonies at the United Crusade's campaign kickoff dinner Thursday, September 18, at Scottish Rite auditorium.

J. W. (Kergie) Moore, kickoff chairman, said Murphy, singing and dancing star of musical extravaganzas who later turned to serious acting and was elected president of the Screen Actors Guild, has accepted an invitation to greet more than 1400 Crusade volunteers at the 6:30 p.m. dinner, launching the annual fund drive.

Women Voters League to discuss ballot measures

Panel members of the speakers' bureau of the League of Women Voters will discuss the pros and cons of the November ballot measures during Oakland League Day, Wednesday, September 17, from 11 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. at the Park Boulevard Clubhouse, 1969 Park Boulevard, Oakland.

The meeting is open to the public. There will be a 25-cent charge, with coffee and salad being served.



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State Fed, running scared on No. 18 is right, BTC informed

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by an employer against a union. Virginia, one of the first right-to-work States, had been a model for the California anti-labor crowd in preparing the initiative to be voted on in November.

Joseph Hightower, Carpenters 36, commenting on the statements made by Jones and Childers, said that in his opinion the State Federation should have begun running scared a lot earlier than it did. He cited the political energy expended by Federation President Thomas Pitts and Federation Secretary C. J. Haggerty on behalf of "Knight, Knowland's stooge."

Hightower said he greatly admired and deeply appreciated the efforts made by Alameda County's labor delegation at the recent AFL Labor's League for Political Education convention to prevent Knight being endorsed alongside Congressman Clair Engle for the U. S. Senate. But such diversion of labor's energy as the State Fed officers named had committed, he said, helped to make the passage of No. 18 more possible.

Delegate Meehan replied that while he was for Engle, it should be pointed out that actually Knight had done nothing against labor.

To which Al Thoman, Carpenters 36, replied that "Knight appointed a couple of judges who will be handing down decisions against labor for the next 30 years."

At this point President Joseph Pruss got the procedural wagon back on the track.

DISPUTE WITH IUD

The right of the AFLCIO Metal Trades Department to file a petition for a representational election has been challenged by the Steelworkers, who contend that each international union must file such a petition separately. The Steelworkers are backed by the AFLCIO Industrial Union Department in this contention.

Childers said that the AFLCIO Executive Council will at its November 6 meeting receive a report on this dispute from a two-man committee, one man from the old AFL and one from the old CIO. Childers pointed out that the decision may affect local building trades councils, since if the IUD contention were accepted it might mean the local BTC could not file for a representational election involving several crafts at local plants.

As for the Metal Trades Council, said Childers, it has for many years past represented many crafts in the shipbuilding industry.

EAST BAY MUD JOB

Childers reported that a painting job for East Bay Municipal Utilities District off Mattox Road in Hayward would be done, it had been agreed after some telephoning, by a contractor with union painters, instead of

by EBMUD maintenance men, as the utility management had originally planned. Maintenance men had been used to build a wall, Childers said.

PICNIC TICKETS

Delegates were reminded of the importance of the AFLCIO picnic October 5 at Roberts Park, the one big fund-raising event for candidates for Federal office backed by labor. Tickets are available at the BTC office, and union members and officers are asked to take books of the tickets and sell them. Under the Taft-Hartley Law, contributions to Federal campaigns can only be made voluntarily by individuals and not from union treasuries. The campaign to elect Jeffery Cohelan, Berkeley City Councilman and officer of a local trade union, to Congress in the 7th District, is very largely dependent upon funds raised at this picnic.

RESOURCES CONFAB

Secretary John Davy read the invitation to have a representative of the council attend the annual conference held by the military authorities to discuss the relation of national resources to defense. Childers suggested that since this is an annual affair, and this particular year labor is confronted with so many troublesome problems of its own, participation be skipped this year. The delegates so voted. The invitation had been forwarded by AFLCIO Regional Representative Daniel Flanagan.

HIRING HALL DEADLINE

Childers called attention to a declaration by the National Labor Relations Board that November 1 is the absolute deadline for adjusting hiring hall procedures to the Taft-Hartley Law provisions. No more extensions.

LABORERS 304

The council granted Laborers 304 sanction to picket any individual contractor whose association has failed to sign the Associated General Contractors contract with the union.

BTC PACT SIGNED

It was announced that Carl Disney, contractor, has signed a BTC contract.

ANTI-RW CARD

Samples of cards issued by the State Building Trades Council were shown, to be presented when making purchases of any sort, so that the merchant will realize the importance of the group opposed to the so-called "right to work" measure on the November ballot.

"You have just been patronized by a UNION MEMBER," says one side of the card, with the signature of the State Building Trades Council under the statement.

On the other side of the card there is a brief explanation of the damage the measure if passed would do to the economy, and the final clinch line is: Vote NO on PROPOSITION 18.

It is hoped that many BTC families will use these cards.

Sign Painters 878 volunteers labor for Labor vs. 18

Sign Painters Local 878 has won high praise from all those opposing the "right to work" scheme because of the way so many of its members have volunteered to do work Saturdays, Sundays, and evenings in making banner signs against Proposition 18.

Some of these volunteers are: Ray O'Connell, Fred Bray, Charles Smith, Clyde Sater, Don Petrie, Al Wyness, Clarence Tobey, Emrys Davis, Charles Richards, Laurie Mackey, George Peterson, Farrell McCarthy, Ross Beydler, Fred Kampling, Loren Sullivan, Roderick Bunn, Max Congleton.

John Churchill, executive secretary, East Bay Citizens Committee Against Proposition 18, says that Les Moore, Auto & Ship Painters 1176, helped erect signs; that the Hamilton Sign Co. and Shipyard Laborers 886 helped greatly by providing space and facilities for the volunteers to work with; and that Don Petrie using the facilities of Joe Finnell's Sign Shop made 1000 posters by silk screen proc-

UAW Strike date meeting this week

DETROIT — The United Auto Workers summoned its executive board to an emergency session this Wednesday, September 10 to "select a strike target and set a strike deadline" in its stalled contract negotiations with the auto industry's "Big Three."

With General Motors, Ford and Chrysler approaching the start of full-scale production of their 1959 lines, the "day of decision" to which the UAW board referred last month when it deferred approval of strike action appeared to be at hand.

If the UAW is forced to strike to back up its demands for "a '58 contract in '58," the full strength of the united labor movement will be ranged solidly behind the union. In an unprecedented action, the AFLCIO Executive Board late last month pledged the "full moral and financial support" of the 13.5-million-member federation to the UAW.—AFLCIO News.

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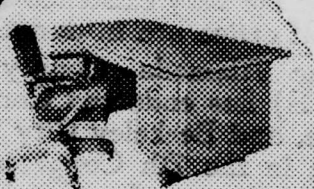
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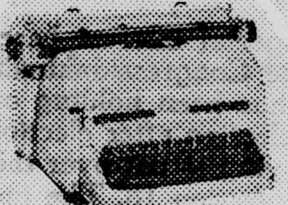
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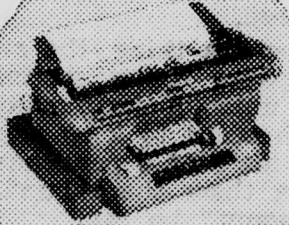
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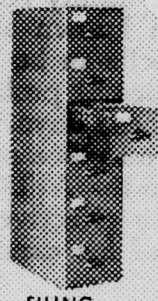
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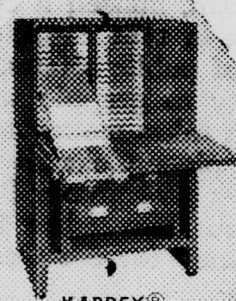
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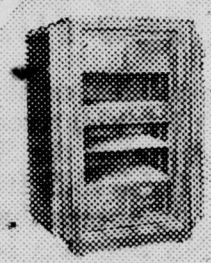
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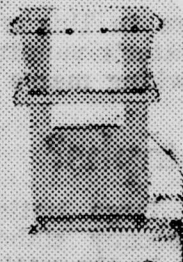
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Vote for Cohelan now by backing Oct. 5th picnic!

The books closed yesterday. It's like a death. No more use to argue or plead. The many thousands of citizens of Alameda County who failed to register by yesterday are politically dead. They can't go to the polls Tuesday, November 4, and vote for any candidate nor on any issue.

So that's that. There now remain 52 days in which those of us who are still alive politically, who are still citizens in the full voting sense of the word, have our chance to try to make up by our own activity for the absence of those who yesterday died politically.

There is one date just 24 days off which is very important in this connection. That is Sunday, October 5, the date of the annual AFLCIO picnic at Roberts Park. The money made by this event goes for the support of candidates for Federal office whom labor has endorsed.

None of the money which has been raised and is still being raised for the fight against Proposition 18, the so-called "right to work" measure on the November 4 ballot, can be used to support the candidates for Federal office. That's the Taft-Hartley Law's rule. And due to the threat which "right to work" aims at the very existence of trade unionism, our candidates for Federal office are in danger of being neglected financially.

The Alameda County Council on Political Education (COPE) has endorsed Congressman Clair Engle for the U. S. Senate, and Berkeley City Councilman Jeffery Cohelan for the House in the 7th Congressional District. If you buy a ticket for a dollar to the October 5 picnic you are giving direct assistance to these labor-endorsed candidates for important Federal legislative posts. If you take books of tickets and sell the tickets to your friends and acquaintances, you are doing still more for them.

There should be special interest here in the candidacy of Jeffery Cohelan for the Congressional seat in the 7th District. The incumbent there has been holding office by virtue of the support given him in election after election by the same Knowland group which is trying to put over the union-busting "right to work" scheme, Proposition 18. The incumbent has about as do-nothing a record as any man serving long in the House.

Cohelan, himself a trade union officer highly respected for his work in that capacity, has long been known as a serious student of public affairs. As a City Councilman he has proven his ability to grapple with complex municipal problems.

But it takes money to run for office these days. You're not going to place Cohelan in office unless you place some money on him by giving your financial support to the AFLCIO picnic. Make your November 4 vote for Cohelan effective by voting some money for the October 5 support of his candidacy.

Should our autos run us?

Should we run our automobiles, or should they run us? That is the question which must have entered many minds when it was announced the other day that the State Division of Highways is proposing a 10.5 BILLIONS freeway program.

Everyone, it has been said, agrees that freeways are needed, "but not on our street." No one has seriously proposed that there be no freeways. But we hope that our readers are paying some attention to the Alameda-Contra Costa Rapid Transit District planning that is going on steadily, and that we shall ultimately vote on. For the rapid transit plan is intended to supply such good and fast public transit service that it won't be necessary to make by automobile many of the trips that are now made by that means.

The automobile is a modern necessity. But it should not be allowed to become a Frankenstein, a metal monster man has created but which becomes man's absolute master.

This paper hasn't given as much space to the plans for rapid transit as the subject deserves. There are so many other matters pressing immediately on labor's attention! Nor has organized labor taken an official stand for details of the rapid transit plan now being worked out. But it is the duty, and ought to be the pleasure, of every trade unionist who owns an automobile or who doesn't, to pay heed to any proposal to make the automobile a servant of man rather than his master.

JACK TOBLER of the Auto Workers, concluding his many weeks of work on checking union lists for members not registered, says that he feels much was learned about what needs to be done to have things lined up tidily for the 1960 campaign. He found that many unions had very inadequate and inaccurate records of their members' addresses. In one case, an officer of the union who had moved two years before, still had the old address on the records. Tobler is right: We need to wake up!

'Hey, Get Me in the Picture, Too!'



COMPULSORY COMPANY UNIONISM ON TRIBUNE

William H. Rosenthal, Democratic State chairman, recently issued a statement on the compulsory company unionism prevailing in one department of the Knowlands' Oakland Tribune. Following is the full text of Rosenthal's statement:

William H. Rosenthal, Democratic state chairman, charged Senator Knowland with "crass hypocrisy" for advocating a state right to work law while requiring a union shop in his own company owned union.

"It should be clear to everyone," Rosenthal said, "that the senator has manufactured the purely synthetic right to work issue as a campaign gimmick to pave his road to the white house."

"But actions speak even louder than the senator's bellicose words," the Democratic chairman said in a statement issued from his Los Angeles headquarters.

"While he espouses this phony issue, the senator, with his family owned Oakland Tribune, gives his apparent blessing to a cunning device which pictures more clearly than anything else his crass hypocrisy," Rosenthal declared.

"For one thing, the senator's newspaper has a special company union, a cheap masquerade which seeks to keep employees in a state of dependence while giving them the illusion of autonomy," he said.

"But even this completely subservient organization is required by the senator to submit to a sly corruption of the union shop clause," Rosenthal asserted.

"Under it," he explained, "eight of every 10 employees working for the Tribune when the contract was signed and eight of every 10 hired since must join the union within 90 days."

"Where in this restriction is the senator's vaunted principle of a working man's freedom to

join or not to join?" Rosenthal asked.

"It is fair also to ask who decides which two employees will not be required to join the union," he said. "Furthermore, it is fair to ask how they are selected."

"This completely impotent excuse for a union—kept impotent I might add, by the Knowland-owned company, has by long practice and custom received benefits negotiated by the San Francisco - Oakland Newspaper Guild," he said.

"But its members pay no dues to the Guild for its efforts in their behalf," he added. "This is the sort of thing the senator attempts to foist on every union and every company in the state with his so called right to work issue."

"This device demonstrates that the only unions the senator really wants are company owned unions," he said. "He wants unions that weaken instead of strengthen the dignity and independence of working people."

"The senator obviously does not practice what he preaches on his guilt-edged properties," Rosenthal concluded. "But the voters recognize hypocrisy; they know phony issues and they know false faces. They will not be fooled."

Somewhat confused

Children trying to learn the Lord's Prayer from what comes to them in muttered assembly sometimes have shown some miscomprehension. One little boy was heard to pray, "Harold be Thy name." Another begged, "Give us this day our jelly bread." A New York child petitioned, "Lead us not into Penn Station."

Some of the same misconception seems to be true of adults who have learned the preamble to the Constitution of the United States "by heart" and mumble it without thought.—Washington Teamster.

Back-stabber

The non-union man is a person who reaps where he has not sown. He comes at the eleventh hour and receives his penny.

He is willing to profit by the aggressive efforts of others to whom he has given no support.

Worse than that, he stands ready to stab in the back the very people who have made it possible for him to command a competence. — Heywood Brown, founder and first president of the American Newspaper Guild.

OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .
We Run 'Em!

THOSE FELLOWS ARE ORGANIZED

Editor, Labor Journal:

Bill Knowland picked out a LULU when he made "right to work" his paramount issue; he should be as wise as the old driver of a mule team on a wooded country road—he wielded a long snake like whip with great dexterity and boasted of his cleverness in being able to hit his target every time.

Do you see that big bumble bee on that red nose? Just watch me get him.

"With one snap of the whip sure enough he snipped him off. "You see that hummingbird, here goes."

And again he demonstrated he was an expert; a little further down the road a huge hornet's nest hung from the limb of an oak tree directly over his head; but he pretended he did not see it and kept on driving—His attention was called to it and he was asked "Why didn't you take a swipe at that hornet's nest?"

"Oh no—I know better than that, those fellows are organized."

I am on Pat Brown's campaign committee—also president of the 16th Assembly District Pension-labor Democratic Club.

Yours for success,
EDGAR L. ORMSBY

Editor's Note: The trouble is that Knowland's crowd of labor-haters is organized, too. And many people who will vote against Knowland, may turn around and vote for Proposition 18, the so-called "right to work" proposal, through failure of our own organized hornets' nest to educate them to realize what this measure means. So we can't just sit in our hornets' nest and figure the whip won't reach us.

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HOSPITAL STRIKE

Editor, Labor Journal:

Much is being made of purported incidents that are derogatory to the strikers in the hospital strike, by the anti-labor Press.

But nothing is being said about the fact that these same strikers do not make enough working in the hospitals, to use their facilities if they should be so unfortunate as to meet with accident or sickness, that necessitated their being hospitalized.

As to the hospitals being able to pay a decent wage, anyone who is familiar with the charges being made by them, and the cost of operation of hospitals knows that they can pay much more and still make a legitimate profit. . . .

W. YEOMAN

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JOHN L'S STYLE

Upon occasion, in the past, you have harkened to my counsel. It profited you greatly. It profited, likewise, your fellow citizens and the State and the Nation. Therefore harken now, that success attend you and yours tomorrow.—John L. Lewis on an Election Eve.

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BALONEY!

The question of nudity has been the battleground separating the church and the artist since the earliest times. The artist has always proclaimed the human body as a thing of beauty, to be admired and revealed in good taste and in glorification of the highest concept. — Major A. Riddle, Las Vegas resort owner.

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WATCH 'HIM'

Just stand aside and watch yourself go by; think of yourself as "he" instead of "I."—Strickland Gillian.